

The Sierra Nevada Region "What happens in the Sierra does not stay in the Sierra"

Every Californian is affected by the many benefits flowing from the Sierra Nevada region.

People from around the state, the country and the world visit the beautiful Sierra Nevada.

These breathtaking landscapes not only provide wonderful opportunities to play, visit historic and cultural sites and re-connect with the natural world, they provide a whole host of benefits to California.

The Region

The Sierra Nevada Region, made up of all or part of 22 counties and over 25 million acres, is one of the most significant natural and biologically diverse regions in the world. The Sierra constitutes about 25% of California's land area and is the state's principal watershed, supplying 65% of the developed water supply to residents and businesses across the state.

The forests and agricultural lands of the Sierra Nevada are uniquely suited to help reduce the warming impact of a changing climate. Excess carbon dioxide (CO₂) in the atmosphere is absorbed by trees, plants and crops through photosynthesis, and stored in tree trunks, branches, foliage, roots and soils.

FACT:

The Sierra Nevada
is the longest unbroken mountain range
in the lower 48 states.
It stretches 430 miles north/south.

Sierra Day at the Capitol is June 24, 2009

This is a day to become more aware of the Sierra Nevada, to appreciate all the benefits it offers. It is also a day to make others aware of this massive yet fragile ecosystem and support efforts to conserve and enhance the resources of the Sierra Nevada mountains.

The Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC) is a state agency created by bi-partisan legislation and signed into law by Governor Schwarzenegger in 2004. The SNC was created with the understanding that the environmental, economic and social well-being of the Sierra Nevada and its communities are closely linked and that the Region would benefit form an organization providing a strategic direction.



Its mission

The Sierra Nevada Conservancy initiates, encourages, and supports efforts that improve the environmental, economic and social well-being of the Sierra Nevada Region, its communities and the citizens of California.

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